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EXAMINER: V. Kapadia

FILED: November 24, 2003

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FOR: MAGNETIC RECORDING DEVICE, RECORDING DEVICE, AND
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated May 18, 2005 of the above-identified application.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-16, without traverse. The present election is made solely to comply with the Office Action and should not be construed as a surrender of any subject matter of the application. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) on the non-elected claims.

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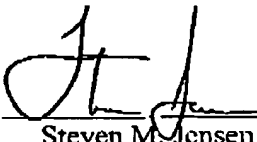
It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for examination and allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Applicants believe that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within response. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

Respectfully submitted,

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